November 1985, May, 1987 and June, 1988.

(c) and (d) During the visit to China from June 4—10, 1988 by a delegation led by the Commerce Secretary and agreement, in principle, was arrived at to resume border trade between India and China and to work out the modalities thereof. Details in this regard would depend on the modalities which may be agreed upon.

Poor condition of Private buses on DTC Routes

1529. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private buses are being run in Delhi on almost all DTC routes without any control of DTC,

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to ensure timely operation of private buses on DTC routes;

(c) whether Government are aware that the private buses do not observe standard norms set for DTC buses regarding safety measures and seating capacity; and

(d) what is the loss of revenue per annum to DTC due to operation of private buses on DTC routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) These buses are given fixed time schedules and are required to observe the standard norms set up for DTC buses. Whenever any irregularity is noticed, strict action is taken against the bus owner.

(d) The entire cost of operations of private buses is met by the private operators.

Viability of Veraval-Rajkot Railway project for Broad Gauge

1530. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Veraval-Rajkot Broad Gauge Railway project has been found to be viable and feasible; and

(b) when primary survey was conducted and what steps have been taken to implement the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) A techno-economic survey for conversion of Rajkot-Veraval (185 km) MG line into BG was completed in May, 1988. The Project was estimated to cost Rs. 68.14 crores with remunerative rate of return. The proposal has been referred to the Planning Commission for consideration and clearance.

Night landing Facilities at airports

1531. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of airports which are without night landing facilities and those which are without adequate instrument landing systems;

(b) what is the number of posts lying vacant in the Directorate of Air Safety and the Directorate of Airworthiness giving names of the key posts;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Civil Aviation returned the unspent amount of about Rs. 2 crores